



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF IVANHOE

St Bernadette's Church, West Ivanhoe

Mary Immaculate Church, Ivanhoe

Mother of God Church, East Ivanhoe

No. 33

13 – 14 August 2011

20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR A

Reflection:

Until quite recently in many cultures around the world events or experiences that had no ready explanation were put down to evil forces. This was certainly true in Jesus' day. Diseases, physical deformities, mental illnesses, accidents, bad weather patterns and defeats in battle were attributed either to God's vengeance or the work of a demon. Although we no longer hold this to be true, we still hear this line from some people today.



The Syro-Phoenician woman considers herself cursed for having a daughter who is tormented by a demon. It is very unlikely that her daughter is possessed by the devil. She probably had a chronic illness that could not be cured. Furthermore, the woman is also considered cursed by others because she is a Gentile, a non-Jew. In fact this story is unsettling and rather unflattering to Jesus on several levels.

Because of her ethnicity and religion the disciples do not think she should ask for anything from Jesus. He seems to concur with them. If it wasn't for the woman's courage and persistence, she would never have got what she wanted. And by Jesus referring to them as dogs, he seems to agree with the contempt with which the Jews held the Gentiles.

Again it is the woman's quick wit and faith which turns the situation around. She domesticates the racial slur and argues that if she is to be considered a dog she is not a wild one but of the house variety where she should be able to enjoy the leftovers. The power of her insight and the rightness of her cause catches Jesus off-guard, her daughter is healed and everyone is taught a lesson about how the Kingdom of God breaks through in the most extraordinary ways.

This story also tells us of the power of intercessory prayer. The woman goes through her ordeal not for herself but for her daughter. Her faith in Jesus is the vehicle by which someone else's life is enriched. So too for us. As Christians many of us regularly tell others, whom we know are in need, that we will pray for them. Often these people, some who do not share our faith, are touched by this kindness.

When we make our prayer intercessory, either at home or in the Prayer of the Faithful at Mass, it can be our finest hour. We can learn a lot about a parish from its intercessions. It can be the time when we forget about ourselves and our needs for a while and ask for the needs of someone else, even if we don't know them. This type of prayer has the possibility of helping us place our lives in context and reminding us that while we have a seat at the world's table, others are at our feet scavenging for scraps.

The best prayer reminds us that we have to get down and get dirty and work to raise up all of God's children to the places of honour which everyone deserves.

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THE WORD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: God, our protector, keep us in mind; always give strength to your people.
For if we can be with you even one day, it is better than a thousand without you.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: O God, let all the nations praise you!

V. 1. O God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us.

So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help. **R.**

V. 2. Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice.

With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth. **R.**

V. 3. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL: With faith we pray: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: **With the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption.**

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY:

We keep Michelle Gough in our prayers as she continues her ongoing faith journey through the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA).

We remember all in need of prayer at this time including Bev Horne, Madeleine Pye, Erin Toomey, Sidney Delaney, Cathy Lengyel and Jill Brophy. We remember all who provide care and support for those in need.

We remember Brother Len Francis, Lilian 'Rae' O'Brien and Eileen Bentley who have died recently. We also remember Brian Carroll, Maureen Whittle, Francesco & Antonina Agosta, Giuseppe Rocco, Rosemary Simpson and Gerard Berthelot whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.



Baptisms in our Parish Community:

We welcome Trent and Kirra Pozzebon who are baptised into the faith community of the Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe this weekend. We welcome their family, relatives and friends who have come to share this special occasion, one of many steps taken in the lifelong journey of faith.

Family Mass at St Bernadette's 13th August:

We welcome the families and children who have come to celebrate a Family Mass this Saturday 13th August. The children are preparing to receive their First Eucharist on Saturday 20th August, 6.30pm at St Bernadette's.

Offertory Gifts: Children making their First Eucharist and their families will bring the Offertory Gifts.

Date	Mary Immaculate 9am	Mother of God 10.30am
Sunday 14 th August	Charlotte Ni Choncheanainn	Groenewaldt and Justice families
Sunday 21 st August	Raymond Myrteza & Joshua Power	Kairouz and Lenzi families

This Week's Readings: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year A

Isaiah 56:1, 6-7 Psalm 66:2-3, 5-6, 8 Romans 11:13-15, 29-32 Matthew 15:21-28

Saint and Feast Days:

Mon 15th August: The Assumption

Tues 16th August: St Stephen of Hungary

Wed 17th August: St Hyacinth

Thurs 18th August: St Helen

Fri. 19th August: St John Eudes

Sat. 20th August: St Bernard

Next Week's Readings: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year A

Isaiah 22:19-23 Psalm 137:1-3, 6, 8 Romans 11:33-36 Matthew 16:13-20

HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH

Saturday 13 August	6.30pm	Mass with Grade 3 children & families	St Bernadette's Church
Monday 15 August	9.15am	Mass for Feast of the Assumption	Mary Immaculate Church
Monday 15 August	7.30pm	Mass for Feast of the Assumption	St Bernadette's Church
Tuesday 16 August	10.30am	Mass of Anointing and Blessing with Grade 2 children from St Bernadette's School	St Bernadette's Church
Wednesday 17 Aug	9.15am	Mass & Mary Immaculate School 1/2H & R	Mary Immaculate Church
Wednesday 17 Aug	7.00pm	Eucharist Catechist Class	Mary Immaculate Hall
Friday 19 August	9.15am	Mass & Mother of God School Year 3	Mother of God Church
Saturday 20 August	10.00am	Reconciliation	Mary Immaculate Church
Saturday 20 August	6.30pm	Mass & First Eucharist – St B School	St Bernadette's Church
Sunday 21 August	2- 3.30pm	Young Peoples Group Activity	
Monday 22 August	7.30pm	St Bernadette's School Parents & Friends	St Bernadette's School
Tuesday 23 August	9.15am	Mass & St Bernadette's School Grade 1	St Bernadette's Church
Tuesday 23 August	7.30pm	St Bernadette's School Education Board	St Bernadette's School
Wednesday 24 Aug	7.00pm	Eucharist Catechist Class	Mary Immaculate Hall
Friday 26 August	9.15am	Mass & Mother of God School Year 2	Mother of God Church

Mass Times 15th August – Feast of the Assumption:

The Feast of the Assumption is a Holy Day of Obligation and there will be two Masses available:

Monday 15th August Feast of the Assumption 9.15am Mary Immaculate & 7.30pm St Bernadette's



Mass of Anointing and Blessing - Tuesday 16th August at St Bernadette's:

All parishioners, families and friends are invited to a Mass of Anointing and Blessing on Tuesday 16th August at 10.30am at St Bernadette's Church. Families from St Bernadette's School have kindly offered to provide Morning Tea after Mass. If you require assistance with transport please contact Eileen 9499 7120, Sue 9499 1485 or Helen 9499 7793.

Please note: There will be no 9.15am Mass on Tuesday 16th August at St Bernadette's

Brother Len Francis:

Brother Len Francis was a member of the West Ivanhoe Community consisting of Christian Brothers and mainly students from Asia who have resided at St Bernadette's convent for many years – Len being a resident and parishioner for fifteen years. Brother Len was a founding Principal of Aquinas College, Ringwood, fifty years ago; and founding Principal at Fatima College in Papua and New Guinea. Brother Len also worked in Pastoral Care at St Vincent's Hospital, Melbourne, and in his retirement years continued his pastoral ministry with others in his quiet and supportive manner. For the last eighteen months Brother Len has lived in Mercy Place, Parkville.

Brother Mark has informed us that Brother Len died peacefully on Wednesday 10th August at Mercy Place.

- ◆ Vigil Service on Monday 15th August at 7.30pm at Treacy Centre, 126 The Avenue, Parkville.
- ◆ Requiem Mass on Tuesday 16th August at 12.30pm, St Bernadette's Church, 89 Bond St, Ivanhoe which will be followed by refreshments in the Cunningham Centre.

Caritas - East Africa Crisis Appeal: The parish has made a donation of \$500 towards this particular appeal.

Another step in introducing the New Liturgy: We are doing very well learning the new words! Don't let us be discouraged by those lapses from time to time. We are using the laminated sheets provided by the Archdiocese. The power point presentations have given us a great start but the sheets will be more convenient for week day Masses. *Please look for the sheets as you enter the church and leave them at the end of Mass.*

Brief summary of Pastoral Leadership Team Meeting, Wednesday 3 August:

- Fr Thang was congratulated on his appointment as Parish Priest and promised the prayers and support of the whole Pastoral Leadership Group.
- Children in our schools and catechist group will receive their First Eucharist in the next few weeks.
- The buildings at our three schools are approaching completion.
- The Ford St. development site has been cleared and made secure.
- Parish finances are currently a little more stable, due in part to the fact that we are not at present employing a Pastoral Associate and have reduced our part-time youth leaders from four to two. The Finance Group is preparing an overview report for parishioners.
- The number of visits to the website is continuing to increase.
- A vote of thanks to Karen and Paul McEvey after the recent successful dinner dance was unanimously passed. An agenda item for the next meeting on 14th September will be: 'What do we do next year?'

Yarra Deanery Newsletter:

Copies of the Yarra Deanery Newsletter are available in each church today. It's a way of connecting with life in the other deanery parishes and it's free! Please take a copy.



First Eucharist Celebrations: We remember and pray for the children of the Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe who are preparing to receive and celebrate their First Eucharist.

20 August 6.30pm Masses at St Bernadette's Church - St Bernadette's School children

28 August 10.30am Mass at Mother of God Church - Catechist children from the parish

11 September 10.00am Mass at Mary Immaculate Church - Mary Immaculate School children

18 September 10.30am Mass at Mother of God Church - Mother of God School children

PLEASE NOTE: On Sunday 11 September there is no 9am Mass at Mary Immaculate Church

Bookshop suggestion:

In search of a present for a great niece who was making her first Holy Communion and a great nephew who was being confirmed, I remembered Rainbow books which used to be in Alphington and are now at 508 High St. Preston. I found plenty of very suitable options, other than books, and thought this might be helpful to others, especially at this time. - Merle

10 Essential Facts about Asylum Seekers:

Copies of these sheets are available in each church

Outreach Notice: Bookings have opened for Morning Melodies, 11am, at the Celtic Club on Wednesday 21st September. Song sheets will be handed out and a light lunch is included for \$20 pp. This event is our major fundraiser for Ryder Cheshire Homes, Ivanhoe. RCH provide accommodation and support for patients who come from rural and interstate areas in order to access specialist care in Melbourne. A bus will be available for people who need help with mobility, courtesy of the Brigidine Nuns, which will depart Ivanhoe by 10.15am. Everyone else will take the 10.04 train to Flagstaff station then walk down Latrobe St, one block to 316 Queen Street. Please contact Eileen 9499 7120 or Sue 9499 1485

More information will soon be available in relation to the bus trip we have arranged to celebrate the Banyule Seniors Festival. We will travel to the Nagambie area on Wednesday October 5th to enjoy lunch, visits to wineries and outdoor activities. We are pleased to announce that Banyule Council has awarded us \$200 towards the cost of this event & will publish details in Council literature. Be ready when bookings open!

Glamour of the Gown Parade: CatholicCare will host a parade of after five and special occasion gowns dating back to the 1940's. 7.30pm on Thursday, 1 September at Box Hill Town Hall, 1022 Whitehorse Rd, Box Hill. Tickets: \$35 includes light supper. Proceeds to CatholicCare's Alcohol and Other Drug Family Service which provides support for families affected by misuse of alcohol & other drugs Tickets: 8417 1200

Bishop Joseph Grech Memorial Colloquium on Ethics and Migration:

The Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office, in association with Australian Catholic University, extend an open invitation to the Inaugural Bishop Joseph Grech Memorial Colloquium to be held at ACU's Melbourne Campus on Thursday, 8 September from 7 - 9pm. Keynote speakers: Bishop Christopher Prowse, Bishop of Sale and The Honourable Chris Bowen, Minister for Immigration and Citizenship. The topic for discussion is "*One Human Family Across Borders*". Venue: Central Hall, Australian Catholic University, 24 Brunswick St, Fitzroy. Please RSVP by Friday 2 September Email: adminassistant@acmro.catholic.org.au

Exodus Community – Volunteers needed – Can you help out?

1. Language support - Adult (preferably female) to support an African mother with spoken English and building confidence. Introductions and connections would be made by a member of Exodus Community.
2. After-school program with children – An adult volunteer is needed to work with a Team of volunteers who run the after-school program for primary school age children on Tuesdays (and Thursdays) during term from 3.45pm till 5pm. Activities: literacy, homework support, art, games, computer and cooking.
3. Art and Craft group for adults - Adult volunteer needed to work with Exodus Community members to help start an art and craft group for adults. Good communication skills and creativity needed.

More leaders needed. Working with Children card required. Phone" Patricia 9457 4433; Sr Sally 9457 7593

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ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND 20 – 21 August 2011

ST. BERNADETTE'S:

Saturday 6.30pm

Lector

C. Dixon

Special Ministers

J. Gray, T. Nibali

MARY IMMACULATE:

Sunday 9.00am

Leader
J. Newell

Reader

H. Free
B. Bains

Coordinators

S. & P. Kelly

Counters

L. McInerney, M. Rocco

MOTHER OF GOD:

Sunday 10.30am

Sacristan

V. O'Kane

Lector

I. Chiera

Special Ministers

A. Maloney, G. Crawford, R. Matovinovic

Altar Society:

T. McCarthy

Choir Coordinators: M. De Silva

First Collection – Thanksgiving: Envelopes: \$1,856.90 Loose cash: \$388.40 **Total: \$2,245.30**

Second Collection – Presbytery:

\$ 635.95

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